

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Menomonie Historic Preservation Commission held its January, 2015, meeting on January 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present: Tom Twohig, Ryland Erdman, Peggy Terry, Josh Risler, Tim Dotseth and Monte Burstad. Also present: Brenna Long and Ken Schofield.

The December 8, 2014, minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved.

There were no Certificate of Appropriateness/Sign Approval applications presented for consideration.

Ms. Long indicated that a plan of action is being formulated for possible repairs to the exterior of the CMS-Chamber of Commerce-Main Street building at 342 Main Street East.

Ms. Long informed the Commission that she had been in contact with a University of Wisconsin-Stout honors student, Maria Lewis, regarding her honors program publication entitled "Menomonie, WI; Quiet Beauty Revealed Through a Lens". A news release from UW-Stout is attached hereto concerning this student's work. Ms. Lewis had contacted Ms. Long concerning possible City support for the publication of additional copies of this 22 page full color publication which includes architectural styles with corresponding photographs on 19 buildings found on or near downtown Main Street. Ms. Lewis may make a presentation at the February, 2015, Commission meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning bronze plaques for downtown buildings. Mr. Twohig presented some information from two businesses that sell bronze plaques: Franklin Bronze Plaques and Erie Landmark Company. See attached. Commission members engaged in lengthy discussion as to the topics referred to in the December 8, 2014, Commission meeting, to wit: (1) whether or not they wish to be involved in a City-sponsored program regarding the erection of bronze plaques within the Downtown Historic District; (2) which bronze plaque manufacturer(s) will be specifically identified as possible manufacturers of the plaques; (3) who would be required to pay for these bronze plaques (and if the City is going to be subsidizing some of the purchase price, what kind of financial support the City Historic Preservation Commission would agree to provide regarding the purchase price of the bronze plaques); (4) what the size of the bronze plaques should be; (5) who should erect or pay for the cost of erecting the bronze plaques; and (6) what standardized language or information should be allowed to be placed upon each bronze marker.

According to the documents provided by Mr. Twohig, the approximate cost for an 8"x11" bronze plaque from either of these businesses, depending upon the amount of language inserted thereon, would be \$200.00.

The Commission made a tentative decision to offer to the first twenty (20) property owners who purchase and erect a bronze plaque in 2015 a reimbursement of \$100.00.

It was ultimately concluded that Mr. Schofield would prepare draft documents and correspondence describing this program and will send the draft documents and correspondence to all Commission members for their input prior to the next meeting.

Commission members are requested to review the material prepared by Mr. Schofield and make suggestions for additions, subtractions and corrections to the draft documents and correspondence. Copies of those suggestions should be forwarded not only to Mr. Schofield but all other Commission members whose street addresses and e-mail addresses are attached to these minutes. A final decision on the bronze plaque program and the documents and correspondence concerning same shall occur at some future date.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting shall be held on February 9, 2015, at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Schofield  
Recording Secretary